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1. SOVIET DELEGATION ON CONSTRUCTION IN SEISMIC AREAS NOW PLANS TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C. MAY 4, 1976, REPEAT MAY 4, 1976, WITH ITINERARY IDENTICAL TO THAT AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED. DELEGATIIN WILL COMPRISE THREE MEMBERS.
2. SOVIET MFA INFORMED EMBASSY MORNING OF APRIL 20 THAT SOVIET DELEGATION ON SEISMIC CONSTRUCTION WOULD NOT ATTEMPT DEPART APRIL 20 DUE TO LACK OF SUFFICIENT TIME TO OBTAIN BOTH VISAS AND MFA EXIT STAMPS IN PASSPORTS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO AIRPORT.
3. KRIVENKO OF GOSSTROY ALSO CONTACTED EMBASSY MORNING OF APRIL 20 TO CONFIRM ALTERNATE DATE OF MAY 4.
4. PLEASE SO INFORM WORKING GROUP CO-CHAIRMAN THIEL ASAP.
5. PLEASE CONFIRM ASAP ACCEPTABILITY TO MR. THIEL OF MAY 4 AS ALTERNATE DATE.

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6. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS REMINDED SOVIET SECRETARIAT OF REQUIREMENT THAT VISA APPLICATIONS BE SUBMITTED TO EMBASSY MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF DELEGATION DEPARTURE. KRIVENKO EXTENDED APOLOGY TO US SECRETARIAT AND TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN MR. THIEL'S PLANS FOR SOVIET DELEGATION'S VISIT FOR THIS POSTPONEMENT OCCASIONED BY VISA APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TOO LATE. EMBASSY SUGGESTS US SECRETARIAT REDOUBLE PRESSURE ON SOVIET COUNTERPARTS FOR FINAL AGREEMENT TO DELEGATION TRAVEL MORE THAN TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE DATE AND CONSIDER ADOPTING POLICY OF MANDATORY RESCHEDULING FOR ANY VISIT FOR WHICH SUCH ADVANCE FINAL AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED. INCONVENIENCE OF RESCHEDULING WHEN TWO WEEKS REMAIN BEFORE VISIT WOULD HAVE BEGUN (WHICH WOULD LEAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO CANCEL ANY ARRANGEMENTS OR RESERVATIONS AND PERMIT PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF US PARTICIPANTS) SEEMS PREFERABLE TO ENORMOUS INCONVENIENCE FOR ALL CONCERNED WHEN RESCHEDULING MUST BE DONE ON SAME DAY DELEGATION WAS TO HAVE ARRIVED. END COMMENT. STOESEL

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